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SUBJECT: OPERATIONS: RECIPROCITY-POLAND

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1. EMBASSY'S RECOMMENDATION IN WARSAW 0027 THAT FEES BE CHARGED TO HOLDERS OF SERVICE PASSPORTS WAS AIMED PRIMARILY AT REPRESENTATIVES OF POLISH STATE TRADING COMPANIES AND INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES, WHO ARE THE POLISH EQUIVALENT OF U.S. PRIVATE BUSINESSMEN. THE RESULT, HOWEVER, WAS THAT FEES BECAME CHARGEABLE ALSO TO SOME REPRESENTATIVES OF POLISH MINISTRIES WHO CARRY SERVICE PASSPORTS. THESE ARE CLEARLY THE EQUIVALENT OF EMPLOYEES OF, FOR EXAMPLE, THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE OR DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WHO TRAVEL TO POLAND ON U.S. OFFICIAL PASSPORTS. THE EMBASSY KNOWS OF NO CASE IN WHICH THE GOP HAS CHARGED A VISA FEE TO THE BEARER OF A U.S. OFFICIAL PASSPORT, AND ASSUMES THAT ANY SUCH FEES WOULD BE RESISTED BY THE USG.

2. WARSAW 3281 WAS AN EFFORT TO REFINE THE TARGET BY REQUESTING THAT MINISTRY OFFICIALS BE EXEMPTED FROM FEES REGARDLESS OF THE PURPOSE OF THEIR TRIP. THIS WOULD ACHIEVE RECIPROCITY WITH THE GOP IN THE RELATIVELY FEW CASES INVOLVED AND LEAVE THE EMBASSY FREE TO CHARGE FEES TO REPRESENTATIVES OF
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TRADING COMPANIES AND INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES WHO COMPRISE THE VAST MAJORITY OF POLISH SERVICE PASS-

PORT HOLDERS (ALONG WITH PERFORMERS, WHO ARE
ALREADY EXEMPT FROM FEES) TRAVELING TO THE U.S.

3. THE EMBASSY AGAIN REQUESTS THAT THE DEPARTMENT
AMEND THE FEE SCHEDULE AS RECOMMENDED IN WARSAW
3281.
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